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Dear Howard (Dick),

As you anticipated, I found Fassnacht too hhasty to stay and, when my mind was too preoccupied to consider other work, I read the other clips and that file. It is fascinating. Real, farout spookery. Watch the papers. Nothing will happen, and all the danger to all those people? Well, all of Phila is still there, isn't it? Allen the Specter will dohis patriotic duty, agree to a minor deal, and it will all be forgotten. As soon as things quiet down some.

= While possibilities other than CIA exist, they are not probable. All that is required for everyone to have been completely truthful in denying connection with the CIA is for Norton International to be a subsidiary of Nortdn Sportin, which is connected with CIA. One of the more obvious indications is the ease with which Fassnacht got all that prohibited foreign, esp Red, weaponry into the U.S. Did you also notice that with the open-and-shut violation of federal law, there was no federal charge? Sportin, you see!

The reporting was excellent, Daughen can be pretty good.

Thanks for your paper, which I'll read when my mind is clear. At the monent, I can't get the Garrison rrest out of it. There is too much in it that isn't kosher or is suspect. I have no doubt there is either entrapment or framing. I know him well enough to know he would take money with few questions for his "investigation", which he regards as the real and the only real thing. There is little doubt that Vince arranged what is probably a sizeable CIA contribution to it. But I don't think charges will be brought on that! The perplexing thing is my knowledge of Pershing Gervais, a lover of life as few are, and an enjoyer of benefots with which few are blessed. It would not appear that for the rest of his life he'll be a burdensome federal charge, with the all-paying taxpayer keeping him in one swanky motel after another, with full protection, as long as there is a mob. He has little to fear from Garrison who would do nothing. But the mob is rough, as he knows. Somebody had to have had an awful lot on Pershing for him to assume this role. Nonddy could have set JG up as he did, for there is nobody of whom I know in whom JG imparted as much trust. I know the office was often broke, which is consistent with his getting a payoff only if he squandered excessively. And it is hard to conceive him as a petty crook. Anyway, whatever the papers you see carry would interestme, for I'll be looking for the smallest clues.

Thanks,